Program: BS (CS)-4

Course Name: Computer Architecture

Course Code: CS-411
Credit Hours: 03
Total Weeks: 16
Total Hours: 48

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

The course covers the basic principles of micro-computer architecture, its organization, operation and performance. It also deals with embedded systems, peripheral devices, memory management, and processor family evolution patterns. The course includes the cache memory, its organization and mapping functions, PCI, role of secondary storage and RAID implementations, I/O operations, I/O devices interrupt mechanism, Firewire, and Infiniband in detail.

This course will help and prepare the students to take Advance courses in Computer Architecture in future.

Week-1 INTRODUCTION

Computer Organization and Architecture

Structure and Function

Function

Structure

Why Study Computer Organization and Architecture?

COMPUTER EVOLUTION AND PERFORMANCE

Week-2

Week-3

A Brief History of Computers

The First Generation: Vacuum tubes

ENIAC

The von Neumann Machine

Commercial Computers

The second Generation: Transistors

The IBM 7094

The Third Generation: Integrated Circuits

Microelectronics IBM system /360

DEC PDP-8

Later Generations

Semiconductor Memory

Microprocessors

Week-4 Designing for Performance

Microprocessor Speed

Performance Balance

Improvements in Chip Organization and architecture

Pentium and Power PC Evolution

Pentium



A TOP-LEVEL VIEW OF COMPUTER FUNCTION AND INTERCONNECTION

Week-5

Computer Components Computer Function

Instruction Fetch and Execute

Interrupts

Week-6 Interrupts and the Instruction Cycle

Multiple interrupts

I/O Function

Week-7

Interconnection Structures

Bus Interconnection

Bus Structure

Multiple Bus Hierarchy Element of Bus Design

Bus types

Method of Arbitration

Timing Bus width Data Transfer

Week-8 PCI

Bus Structure PCI Commands Data Transfers Arbitration

CACHE MEMORY

Week-9

Computer Memory System Overview Characteristics of Memory Systems The Memory Hierarchy

Week-10

Cache Memory Principles Elements of Cache Design

Cache Size

Mapping Function

Direct Mapping Associative Mapping Set associative Mapping

Week-11

Replacement Algorithms

Write Policy Line Size

Number of Caches

Multilevel Caches

Unified verses Split Caches

Pentium 4 and PowerPC Cache Organization Pentium 4 Cache Organization PowerPC Cache Organization

INTERNAL MEMORY

Week-12

Semiconductor Main Memory Organization

DRAM and SRAM

Week-13

Dynamic RAM Static RAM SRAM verses DRAM Types of ROM

Week-14

Chip Logic Chip Packing Module Organization Error Correction

Week-15 Ad

Advance DRAM Organization Synchronous DRAM Rambus DRAM DDR SDRAM Cache DRAM

EXTERNAL MEMORY

Week-16

Magnetic Disk

Magnetic Read and Write Mechanisms
Data Organization and Formatting
Physical Characteristics
Disk Performance Parameters
Seek Time

Seek Time Rotational Delay Transfer Time A Timing Comparison

RECOMMENDED BOOK:

COMPUTER ORGANIZATION AND ARCHITECTURE 7th Edition, William Stallings Prentice-Hall International, Inc.

REFERENCE BOOK:

COMPUTER ARCHITECTURE, 2nd Edition, Hennessy, Patterson

COMPUTER ARCHITECTURE AND ORGANIZATION, B.Govindarajalu Tata McGraw-Hill Publishing Company Ltd.